

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1341 - HB 2117

April 1, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to consider the effect upon air quality when developing plans, goals, and performance criteria for the construction of any new road or highway paid in whole or part by federal funds in any county in the state that is a non-attainment area for air quality according to the environmental protection agency. Requires TDOT to take all necessary steps to improve air quality and lessen impact on air quality for these projects. Requires air quality reports be submitted to the appropriate county legislative bodies and be presented at all public hearings conducted in communities affected by any proposed projects.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$320,000 / Highway Fund

Other Fiscal Impact – Enactment of this bill will increase federal expenditures by approximately \$1,280,000 per year.

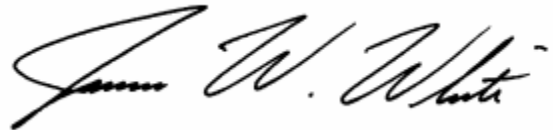
Assumptions:

- Approximately 400 projects per year would meet the criteria specified in this bill.
- Ten new air quality analysts would be needed for projects occurring across the state that meet the specified criteria in this bill.
- Estimated annual cost for 10 new positions is \$600,000 per year (\$60,000 per employee).
- Enactment of this bill would cause additional state expenditures due to project delays, air quality analysis, and report preparation for each project. These costs are estimated to average approximately \$2,500 per project or \$1.0 million total (400 projects X \$2,500 = \$1.0 million).
- Total additional costs associated with this bill is estimated at \$1.6 million (\$600,000 for new positions + \$1.0 million project costs = \$1.6 million) per year.
- 80% of cost is federally funded.

- Increase state expenditures is estimated at \$320,000 (\$1.6 million X 20% state funds = \$320,000) per year.
- Increase federal expenditures is estimated at \$1.28 million (\$1.6 million X 80% federal funds = \$1.28 million) per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director